



Mishawaka Communicator



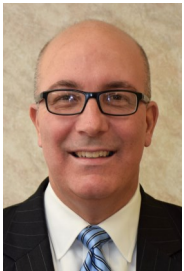
Working together to build the "Best Hometown in America" by delivering exceptional services, promoting safe and clean neighborhoods, elevating the quality of life and inspiring pride in our community.

Dave Wood, Mayor

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A Letter from Mayor Dave Wood



City of Mishawaka Municipal Election

I always say that local government makes the most impact in the day to day lives of our citizens, and it is the level that most know least about. Local government provides the police and fire protection, water, sewers, electric, streets, parks and so much more that our citizens depend on for their daily lives. This past November, the meeting of the shareholders, otherwise known as the Municipal Election, to pick the leaders to provide these critical services has come and gone. With it, there will be a few changes around City Hall. While I ran unopposed and will be serving another four-year term as your Mayor of the Princess City, there will be some new Council members serving you. I have served the citizens of Mishawaka since 2000, first as a Council member then as Mayor since September of 2010. As Mayor, I am responsible for the day-to-day administration of the City's 22 departments and 550 staff members. It is my official duty to uphold the public health, safety, morals, and values of the community. I consider it the privilege and honor of my life to serve as your Mayor.

The City Clerk is also elected every four years by City residents in the Municipal Election. City Clerk, Deborah S. (Ladyga) Block, IAMC, MMC has been the Mishawaka Clerk since 1992 making her Mishawaka's longest serving elected official. She served as Chief Deputy City Clerk from 1979 to 1986. Deborah Block also ran unopposed and will be serving the citizens of Mishawaka for another four-year term. The main responsibilities of the City Clerk are maintaining official City records such as the Common Council agenda, minutes, ordinances and resolution. The City Clerk is the keeper of the City Seal, maintains the Municipal Code, and is Clerk of the Ordinance Violations Bureau. In addition, the Clerk certifies City documents and her office is an official Voters Registration Branch.

There are nine (9) Common Council seats in the City of Mishawaka and this election four (4) of those seats ran unopposed. The nine-member Common Council serves as the legislative and fiscal body of the City. They are responsible for passing ordinances, resolutions, orders and motions for the governing of the City, the control of the City's property and finances, and the appropriations of money. These actions are taken at public meetings which are generally held on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers, Mishawaka City Hall, 600 E. Third

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Get Back to Healthy Meals!

Health Information from Saint Joseph Health System

Many think of January as time for a new start, launching fresh New Year's resolutions including eating healthier, losing weight, getting fit or maybe just living a healthier lifestyle in general.

When it comes to eating healthier, it's important to avoid "fad" diets and the latest food trends and focus instead on well-balanced meals. Make mealtime healthier, more nutritious and less stressful by planning and preparing meals for the whole week. For example, purchase ingredients ahead of time and have fruits and vegetables cut up at eye level in the fridge. When meal planning, focus more on nutrient density as well as portion control:

- Make half your plate fruits and vegetables.
- Make at least half of your grains whole grains (look for 100 percent whole grains).
- Include a source of dairy with meals or snacks (low-fat milk, cheese or yogurt).
- Choose lean sources of protein (lean beef, chicken, pork and turkey as well as eggs, beans, nuts and tofu) and aim to incorporate seafood twice per week.
- Avoid extra fat such as heavy gravies or sauces made with cream.
- Get creative in the kitchen by trying new foods.

To learn more, visit ThisCounts.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 1 City Offices Closed
- Jan 21 Snow Tubing
(George Wilson Park)
- Feb 1 Frozen Character Skate
(Merrifield Ice Rink)
- Feb 14 Valentine's Couples Skate
(Merrifield Ice Rink)

Unity Gardens is bringing their educational series to the Battell Center in 2020!

Saturdays: 2:00-3:30pm

- Jan 18 Intro to Permaculture & Companion Gardening
- Jan 21 Indoor Seed Starting
(Tues 6:30pm)
- Jan 25 Indoor Seed Starting
- Feb 1 Healthy Soil, Healthy Garden
- Feb 8 All About Tomatoes
- Feb 11 Growing Mushrooms
(Tues 6:30pm)
- Feb 15 Inviting Bees Into Your Garden
- Feb 22 Container & Small Space Gardening
- Feb 29 Caring for Your Garden

ONLINE ACCESS

- <http://mishawaka.in.gov>
- <http://facebook.com/cityofmishawaka>
- <http://mishawaka.in.gov/communicator>
- <http://mishawaka.in.gov/parksandrecreation>
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A Letter from Mayor Dave Wood *(continued)*

Street. The public is always welcome to attend these meetings and offer comments on actions or simply speak about any thoughts or concerns they may have.

I would like to welcome Tony Hazen and Maggie DeMaegd to the Council. I expect that they will make effective servant leaders and bring responsive representation to their constituents.

Following are your elected Mishawaka Common Council members who will begin serving you on January 1, 2020:

- 1st District Councilman – Dale “Woody” Emmons, starting his 5th term
- 2nd District Councilman – Mike Bellovich starting, his 3rd full, four-year term after replacing Councilman Wood in September of 2010
- 3rd District Councilman – Anthony “Tony” Hazen, starting his 1st term
- 4th District Councilwoman – Kate Voelker, starting her 2nd full, four-year term after replacing Councilwoman McClure in January of 2013
- 5th District Councilman – Mike Compton, starting his 4th full, four-year term after replacing Councilman Benjamin in January of 2006
- 6th District Councilman – Ron Banicki, starting his 5th term
- Councilwoman At-Large – Maggie DeMaegd, starting her 1st term
- Councilman At-Large – Gregg Hixenbaugh, starting his 1st full, four-year term after replacing Councilman Roggeman in 2018 (he also served three previous terms 1999 – 2011)
- Councilman At-Large – Matt Mammolenti, starting his 3rd term

Congratulations to these incumbents and newly-elected public officials who will be serving you for the next four years.

I'd also like to acknowledge and thank Bryan Tanner, Councilman At-Large (2016 – 2019) and Stacy Petko-Reisdorf, Councilwoman 3rd District (2018 – 2019) for their service to Mishawaka. We have been blessed with good, bi-partisan leadership for many years with elected officials acting in the best interest of the City of Mishawaka, as it should be. In fact, there has not been one party line vote in my nearly ten years in office. I'm proud of this government, and I believe our citizens are well served with a dedicated, passionate team of public servants.

New Water Reservoir Completed in Mishawaka

Ever wonder what is behind that big white wall on Ireland Trail and what was all the construction activity there recently? On December 10th, 2019 after nearly ninety years in service, our 3-million-gallon reservoir, affectionately known as “Mabel’s” (she was the caretaker of the site years ago), which supplies water to the entire distribution system went offline and at 2:26 p.m. that same day a new 2-million-gallon reservoir came online.

The old reservoir will be drained over the next few weeks and rehabilitated over the coming year after a thorough structural inspection. It will be put back in service alongside the new reservoir to give us 5 million gallons of storage capacity.

After years of design and planning and just over a year of construction, this new tank has become a reality. It went up with military precision thanks to our dedicated team of experts, both internally and externally. It is complimented with a booster station that now gives us a redundant feed to the south side of Mishawaka.

I tend to be an engineering/construction geek, so I went out on inspections several times to witness the modern engineering marvel. Here are some interesting facts about the project:

- About 115 cement trucks poured floors and walls two feet thick and a roof 18 inches thick - a total of 2900 cubic yards of concrete were used.
- The weight of that concrete is eleven million seven hundred forty-five thousand pounds.
- For structural integrity, 50 miles of rebar were used in the concrete. That is about 10 miles greater than the perimeter of Mishawaka.

This tank, thoughtfully designed by DLZ, is an engineering marvel that will serve the citizens of Mishawaka for generations to come. HRP did an outstanding job as the general contractor overseeing many sub-contractors, including Grand River Construction who built the tank. The project, funded by a loan through the SRF (State Revolving Fund), is one of the most important projects we have undertaken as it ensures the safety and quality of Mishawaka's drinking water, as infrastructure is a top priority for my administration.

Yours in Mishawaka,

Mayor Paul

